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I feel MS should be made an example of for it's arrogance. Knowing they could fund a longer court battle than most foreign governments, the delays and non-disclosure of meetings with Federal officials clearly shows the reason for the court's rejection of the proposed settlement.

MS should be fined with the largest fine in US history, after all they are the richest US company in history. They should also be required to allow the operating systems that are pre-installed in retail machines to be the choice of the computer manufacturer. So if Compaq wants to run Linux, UNIX, or even Apple Computer's Mac OS in their machines.

Nor should pre-bundled software packages be the choice of the software providers. Consumers who ultimately use these softwares, on any platform, should be able to choose from a bare-bones configuration to a fully installed complete suite of softwares, and from the software manufacturers of OUR choice.

We aren't required to use a certain brand of gasoline in our cars, nor should we be required to use only one brand of software in a computer. In example; MS Windows 2000 costs over \$500 in Green Bay, WI and the current MacOS offering has two complete operating systems for only \$130.

This company has shown too many times it's cavalier attitude about what it can and cannot do, and the victims are the creative people, the educators and the business users of personal computers. We are forced to buy computer systems filled with overpriced softwares that 90% of users will never take advantage of.

So I hope the courts decision will consider the damage caused our social structure because of this monopolistic practice.